

State of Minnesota

County

District Court

Judicial District: _____

Court File Number: _____

Case Type: _____

Dissolution without Children

In Re the Marriage of:

_____.

Name of Petitioner

and

_____.

Name of Respondent

Summons (Check one)☐ **Without Real Estate**☐ **With Real Estate**

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

WARNING: YOUR SPOUSE (HUSBAND OR WIFE) HAS FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST YOU FOR DISSOLUTION OF YOUR MARRIAGE. A COPY OF THE PAPERWORK REGARDING THE LAWSUIT IS SERVED ON YOU WITH THIS SUMMONS. THIS SUMMONS IS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT FROM THE COURT THAT AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS. READ THIS SUMMONS CAREFULLY. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT, CONTACT AN ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL ADVICE.

1. The Petitioner (your spouse) has filed a lawsuit against you asking for dissolution of your marriage (divorce). A copy of the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage* is attached to this *Summons*.
2. You must serve upon Petitioner and file with the court a written *Answer* to the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*, and you must pay the required filing fee. *Answer* forms are available from the court administrator's office. You must serve your *Answer* upon Petitioner **within thirty (30) days** of the date you were served with this *Summons*, not counting the day of service. If you do not serve and file your *Answer*, the court may give your spouse everything he or she is asking for in the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*.

3. ☐ This proceeding involves, affects, or brings into question the real property located at the following address _____ in _____ County, State of _____, with the following legal description: _____

4. ☐ (For a second property) This proceeding involves, affects, or brings into question the real property located at the following address: _____
_____ in _____ County, State of _____
_____, with the following legal description: _____

OR ☐ This proceeding does not involve real property.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

Under Minnesota law, service of this summons makes the following requirements apply to both parties to the action, unless they are modified by the court or the proceeding is dismissed:

(1) Neither party may dispose of any assets except (a) for the necessities of life or for the necessary generation of income or preservation of assets, (b) by an agreement of the parties in writing, or (c) for retaining counsel to carry on or to contest this proceeding.

(2) Neither party may harass the other party.

(3) All currently available insurance coverage must be maintained and continued without change in coverage or beneficiary designation.

(4) Parties to a marriage dissolution proceeding are encouraged to attempt alternative dispute resolution pursuant to Minnesota law. Alternative dispute resolution includes mediation, arbitration and other processes as set forth in the district court rules. You may contact the court administrator about resources in your area. If you cannot pay for mediation or alternative dispute resolution, in some counties, assistance may be available to you through a nonprofit provider or a court program. If you are a victim of domestic abuse or threats as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 518B, you are not required to try mediation and you will not be penalized by the court in later proceedings.

**IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO
SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.**

Dated: _____

Signature (Petitioner's)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____